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## BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHARTER AUTHORITY

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## DECLARATION OF DR. ANDRE DENSON IN SUPPORT OF NEVADA VIRTUAL ACADEMY'S BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO THE TERMINATION OF THE CHARTER CONTRACT OF NEVADA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

## I, ANDRE DENSON, declare as follows:

- 1. I am Nevada Virtual Academy's ("NVVA") K-8 Principal, and am an interested party in the above entitled action.
- 2. This declaration is made of my own personal knowledge, unless otherwise indicated, I am over 18 years of age, and I am competent to testify as to same.
- 3. This declaration is submitted in support of NVVA's Brief in Opposition to the Termination of the Charter Contract of Nevada Virtual Academy (the "Brief").
- 4. As NVVA's K-8 Principal, I have personal knowledge of its programs, students, teachers, and staff.
- 5. Since we have received news of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority's (the "Authority's") Notice of Intent to Terminate, I have led face-to-face meetings with large groups of K-8 teachers and staff who have expressed concerns about the status of the school due to the Charter Authority's position.

- 6. Their uncertainty and disappointment regarding how the school is being treated by the Authority is causing many of them to question if they should remain at the school. They also feel unsupported by the State of Nevada and struggle to handle questions from families about whether the school is "closing."
- 7. Several of the elementary school program teachers are job hunting "just in case," which hinders our ability to train the staff appropriately on the new programs and processes we have already instituted. If they leave we will be forced to hire less experienced teachers who will likely not have experience with the virtual platform and may not be trained in time for next year.
- 8. Resolving the uncertainty about the next school year will allow us to stabilize our teacher ranks and train them appropriately for the next school year.

Executed on: June 11, 2018.

/s/ Andre Denson
Dr. Andre Denson